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SUBJECT: BENIN DELEGATION VISITS ADDIS ABABA

REF A. COTONOU 0859 B. MOGADISCIO 0782

1. MAY 29 ETHIOPIAN HERALD ANNOUNCED ARRIVAL TWO-MAN DELEGATION FROM BENIN LED BY COMRADE DEGLA, IDENTIFIED AS MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF BENIN. DEGLA STATED UPON ARRIVAL HE HAPPY TO COME TO NEW REVOLUTIONARY ETHIOPIA WITH SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MATHIEU KEREKOU TO COMRADE LT. COL. MENGISTU, PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) CHAIRMAN.

2. DEGLA MET MAY 30 WITH PMAC CHAIRMAN, PMAC FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MOFA AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT HEAD, AND MOFA ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HEAD. MENGISTU REITERATED ETHIOPIA'S CONDEMNATION OF IMPERIALIST-BACKED INVASION OF BENIN, PLEDGED ETHIOPIA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT TO REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF BENIN, AND ASKED DELEGATION
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TO CONVEY ETHIOPIA'S REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS TO THEM. DEGLA BRIEFED MENGISTU ON ABORTIVE INVASION, COLLUSION OF IMPERIALISTS, AND ATTEMPT TO REPLACE REVOLUTIONARY BENIN GOVERNMENT WITH PUPPET REGIME AND UNDERMINE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN AFRICA IN GENERAL. FINALLY, DEGLA CONVEYED SUPPORT OF PEOPLE AND PARTY PRESIDENT OF BENIN FOR ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION, WHICH

"THEY VIEWED AS THAT OF THEIR OWN."

3. COMMENT: FACT DEGLA SOUGHT INFORMATION ON
ERITREAN SITUATION FROM ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT (EPMG)
AND NOT LIBERATION MOVEMENT OFFICES IN KHARTOUM
AS WELL AS DECLARING FULL SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIAN
REVOLUTION, CLEAR INDICATION BENIN'S SYMPATHIES
LIE
WITH IDEOLOGICALLY COMPATIBLE "SISTER SOCIALIST
STATE". HIGH-LEVEL ETHIOPIAN RECEPTION PROBABLY
REFERS TO IMPORTANCE ETHIOPIA ATTACHES TO POLITICAL
SUPPORT FROM OTHER AFRICAN STATES FOR REVOLUTION AND
UNDERSTANDING FOR IMMEDIATE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROBLEMS
BESETTING EPMG.
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